

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-22 were pending in the present application. The independent claims of this application were claims 1, 5, 12 and 16. Claims 1-11 are hereby canceled, and claims 12-22 are resubmitted for reconsideration.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejections

In the Office Action, claims 1-22 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly unpatentable over claims of the parent applications, i.e. U.S. Patent No. 6,351,460 and U.S. Patent No. 6,714,512.

A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is herewith submitted, thereby overcoming the rejections. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 USC § 112

In the Office Action, claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 1-11 have been canceled, thereby rendering their rejection moot.

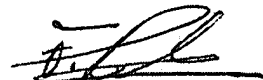
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REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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